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For: ANTIBODIES TO LIPOPROTEINS AND APOLIPOPROTEINS AND  
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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Nov. 16, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

### AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2000, please amend the application as follows. Enclosed with this response is a Petition for an Extension of Time for three months, up to and including November 5, 2000, and the appropriate fee for a large entity.

### In the Claims

Please cancel claims 20, 21, and 35-37.

Rule 48  
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Sub P4

48. (amended) A method for making an antibody to an epitope of an apolipoprotein or lipoprotein which reacts with the apolipoprotein or lipoprotein independently of lipid content and conformation of the apolipoprotein or lipoprotein, comprising

immunizing an animal with the apolipoprotein or lipoprotein which has been delipidated, reduced, carboxymethylated, solubilized, and purified to remove self-aggregated and degraded material from the delipidated, reduced, carboxymethylated, and solubilized apolipoprotein or lipoprotein.